



CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
Office of the City Manager  
Letter to Commission No. 216-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

Date: August 12, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

Subject: **"Best Summertime Chill," and more...**

The **Scott Rakow Youth Center** has been named the *"Best Summertime Chill"* by Miami New Times magazine. The highly read tabloid cited the SRYC for its "excellence in summer camp programming" and activities for Miami Beach residents and visitors.

Camp Fiesta, Inc. gave the **Scott Rakow Youth Center** a plaque in appreciation for hosting youth with disabilities during our just completed summer camp 2004. Camp Fiesta, Inc. said SRYC staff had expressed both "kindness and hospitality" to these special kids.

More than 250 Summer Campers that received Bonus Points earned the right to go on an "Honor Trip" to Orlando. Among the 179 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders on the Junior Honor Trip, "Return of the Mummy" was the #1 ride. The 75 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders in the Teen Honor Trip ranked "The Hulk" as their top choice.

The **Seahawks Swim Team** swept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in their classes at the recent Florida Gold Coast Speedo Junior Olympics-Long Course. The event was held July 29 – August 1, 2004 at the Coral Springs Aquatic Center.

Summer campers at the **Scott Rakow Youth Center** recently received some home improvement instruction. Home Depot brought 120 outdoor projects to the SRYC where the kids worked on them under the shade of the outdoor patio.

The end of summer camp means the start of school is near. The **North Shore Park & Youth Center** will host Back To School Dance Friday, 6–9 p.m. August 20, 2004.

Parks & Recreation campers got a close-up look at the **Miami Heat** Thursday August 12, 2004 during a basketball clinic at the at Flamingo Park basketball courts. Wally Jones led the program. Miami Heat Dancers gave away autographed posters

Please call the Parks & Recreation Department, 305-673-7730, if we may help you with any questions about these items.

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